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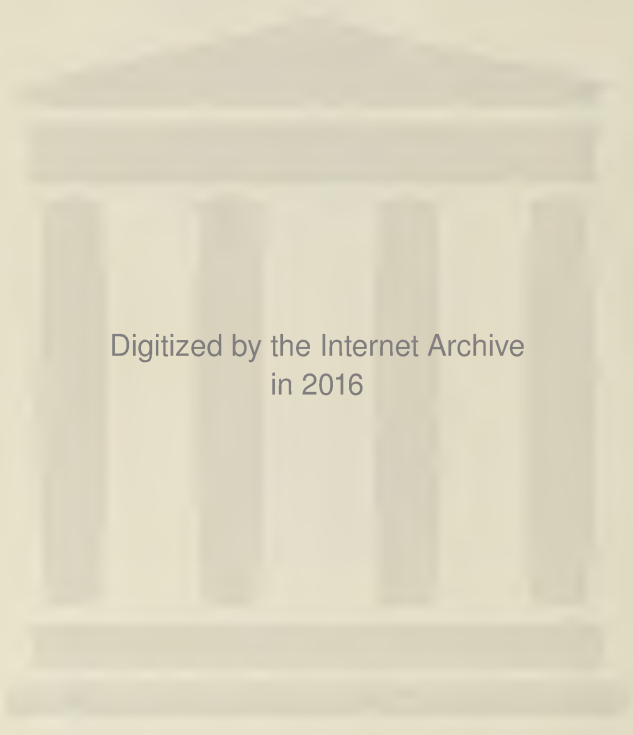


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Biography

JOHN KEE was born in Glenville, Gilmer County, W. Va., August 22, 1874; attended the public schools, Glenville (W. Va.) State Normal School, and West Virginia University at Morgantown; studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1897 and commenced practice in Glenville, W. Va.; served as counsel for the Virginia Railway Co. 1902-10; moved to Bluefield, Mercer County, W. Va., in 1910 and continued the practice of law; engaged in special legal work in Mexico 1916-18; returned to Bluefield, W. Va., in 1918 and resumed the practice of law; member of the State senate 1923-27; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-third and to the nine succeeding Congresses and served from March 4, 1933, until his death in Washington, D. C., May 8, 1951; interment in Monte Vista Cemetery, Bluefield, W. Va.

In the House of Representatives

TUESDAY, April 24, 1951.

Mr. STANLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of House Resolution 205.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, May 16, 1951, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on House Administration under the provision of clause (1) (j) (2) (C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave for 60 legislative days to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record, on the life, character, and public service of deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Speaker shall call the House to order and then as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

Eighty-second Congress
First Session

Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11:30 to 12)

United States Marine Corps Orchestra

Presiding Officer----- The Speaker, Hon. Sam Rayburn

Invocation----- The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.

Solo, There Is No Death (O'Hara)----- Mr. Robert C. Nicholson
At the piano----- Staff Sgt. George Manof

Scripture reading and prayer----- The Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members

The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Rose ritual----- Hon. Reva Beck Bosone
Representative from the State of Utah

Devotional silence.

Address----- Hon. Prince H. Preston, Jr.
Representative from the State of Georgia

Solo, Requiem (Homer)----- Mr. Nicholson

Address----- Hon. Katharine St. George
Representative from the State of New York

Taps----- Master Sgt. Edward L. Masters

Echo----- Staff Sgt. John A. Gosling

Benediction----- The Chaplain

John Kee



Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 1951.

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.:

Eternal God, our Father, whose heart always opens with love in response to our many needs, in the life of each of us there are times and experiences when all our feelings seem to impose silence.

We thank Thee for the joys which cheer us and for the trials which teach us to put our trust in Thee.

Grant that in this hour of sacred memory we may enter into a blessed communion with Thy spirit and the spirit of all upon whom Thou hast bestowed the benediction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

Mr. Robert C. Nicholson sang *There Is No Death*, by O'Hara.

Staff Sgt. George Manof accompanied at the piano.

The CHAPLAIN. The Scripture readings are taken from the Old and New Testaments.

Psalm 85:

I will hear what God the Lord will say, for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints.

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Psalm 23:

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In St. Paul's great chapter on the resurrection, the fifteenth of First Corinthians, we find these words:

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

John 14 to which struggling humanity has made a beaten path:

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

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The following poem entitled "The Other Room" written by Robert Freeman, is a beautiful commentary on the gracious words which came from our blessed Lord:

"No, not cold beneath the grasses,
Not close-walled within the tomb;
Rather, in my Father's mansion,
Living in another room.

"Living, like the one who loves me,
Like yon child with cheeks abloom,
Out of sight, at desk or school-book,
Busy in another room.

"Nearer than the youth whom fortune
Beckons where the strange lands loom;
Just behind the hanging curtain,
Serving in another room.

"Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?
Shall I think of death as doom,
Or the stepping o'er the threshold
To a bigger, brighter room?

"Shall I blame my Father's wisdom?
Shall I sit enswathed in gloom,
When I know my love is happy,
Waiting in the other room?"

Let us pray.

O Thou, who are the author and disposer of human life, from whom our spirits have come and unto whom they return, through Thy holy word Thou hast spoken and in our own hearts Thy voice is heard.

Grant that in our times of need we may not turn our eyes upon the ground whence no help can come but may we turn them heavenward and unto Thee.

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We thank Thee for Thy servants who walked and worked with us for a little while upon this earth and who are now with Thee in heavenly blessedness, having received the reward of their faith and fidelity, even the salvation of their souls.

We rejoice that whatever was beautiful and noble in their life, in Thy sight and our sight, abides forever. We have not said "farewell" but only "good night," hoping on some blessed morn to meet and dwell with them in hallowed union in that fairer land whose language is music and where joys are unceasing.

May the sorrowing and lonely be blessed with the consolations of Thy grace and may they daily avail themselves of the companionship of that friend, who sticketh closer than a brother and who abides with us not only for a day but throughout life and eternity.

We pray that Thou wilt also so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Enable us by Thy grace to carry on in faith, in faithfulness and in the fear of the Lord and at the eventide of life, when Thou dost call us to Thyself, may we receive a glorious entrance into that Kingdom of eternal blessedness which Thou hast prepared for Thy children.

Hear us in the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. George J. Maurer, reading clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN, a Senator from the State of Kentucky; born March 15, 1895; lawyer; editor in chief of the Kentucky Law Journal, 1917 and 1918; graduated from the law department of the University of Kentucky at Lexington; city attorney of Irvine, 1918-20; elected to Sixty-ninth and Seventieth Congresses; elected to the Seventy-second and to the eight succeeding Congresses; elected to the United States Senate in 1948; died March 8, 1951.

ARTHUR HENDRICK VANDENBERG, a Senator from the State of Michigan; born March 22, 1884; editor and publisher of the Grand

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Rapids Herald from 1906 to 1928; he was an author; chairman of the Michigan State Commission which placed the statue of Zachariah Chandler in the Capitol in 1913; appointed to the United States Senate on March 31, 1928; elected to the Senate on November 6, 1928, and served continuously until his death; delegate to United Nations Conference in 1945 at San Francisco; delegate to United Nations General Assembly at London and New York in 1946; United States adviser to the Council of Foreign Ministers at London, Paris, and New York in 1946; delegate to the 1947 Pan American Conference at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; President pro tempore of the Senate from January 4, 1947, to January 3, 1949; died April 18, 1951.

JOHN LESINSKI, a Representative from the State of Michigan; born January 3, 1885; attended Detroit University; organized several business enterprises in Michigan; for many years president of the Polish Citizens' Committee of Detroit; State commissioner in charge of the sale of Polish bonds in 1920; awarded the Polonia Restituta by the Polish Government; delegate to three Democratic national conventions; elected to the Seventy-third and the eight succeeding Congresses; chairman, Committee on Education and Labor, Eighty-first Congress; died May 27, 1950.

WILLIAM LEMKE, a Representative from North Dakota; born August 13, 1878; graduated from the University of North Dakota and Yale University; studied law at Georgetown University; admitted to the bar in 1905 and started practice in Fargo, N. Dak.; member of the national executive committee of the National Non-partisan League from 1917 to 1921; chairman of the Republican State committee from 1916 to 1920; attorney general of North Dakota in 1921 and 1922; Union Party candidate for President in 1936; elected to the Seventy-third and the three succeeding Congresses; then elected to the Seventy-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses, and served until his death, May 30, 1950.

ALFRED LEE BULWINKLE, a Representative from the State of North Carolina; born April 21, 1883; studied law at the University of North Carolina and was admitted to the bar in 1904 and started practice in Dallas, Gaston County, N. C.; delegate to practically all of the Democratic State conventions since 1904; prosecuting attorney for the municipal court in Gastonia from 1913 to 1916; captain in North Carolina National Guard from 1909 to 1917; served on Mexican Border and, as a major, in the American Expeditionary Forces; United States adviser in the International Civil Aviation

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Organization Conference at Montreal, Canada, and Geneva, Switzerland, in 1947; elected to 14 Congresses, including the Eighty-first; died August 31, 1950.

HERBERT ALTON MEYER, a Representative from the State of Kansas; born August 30, 1886; attended Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va., and George Washington University, Washington, D. C., and graduated from National University Law School, Washington, D. C., in 1910; he was admitted to the bar in 1910; served as a captain in the United States Army Air Corps; he was assistant to the Secretary of the Interior Department from 1915 to 1917; a successful businessman and a publisher; he served in the Eightieth and Eighty-first Congresses; died October 2, 1950,

JOHN BERCHMANS SULLIVAN, a Representative from the State of Missouri; born October 10, 1897; graduated from St. Louis University in 1918; served as a private in the First World War; admitted to the bar in 1921 and started practice in St. Louis; delegate to the Democratic State Conventions in 1928, 1932, and 1940; associate city counselor of St. Louis from 1936 to 1938; secretary to the mayor of St. Louis from 1938 to 1940, author of the St. Louis smoke elimination ordinance; special assistant to the United States Attorney General in 1947 and 1948; elected to the Seventy-seventh, Seventy-ninth, Eighty-first, and Eighty-second Congresses; died January 29, 1951.

FRANK BUCHANAN, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania; born December 1, 1902; graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1925; taught in the high schools of Homestead and McKeesport, Pa.; entered business and became an economic consultant; served as mayor of McKeesport, Pa.; elected to the Seventy-ninth Congress and was reelected to the Eightieth, Eighty-first, and Eighty-second Congresses; died April 27, 1951.

JOHN KEE, a Representative from the State of West Virginia; born August 22, 1874; attended West Virginia University at Morgantown; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1897 and began practice in Glenville, W. Va.; he served as counsel for the Virginia Railway Co. from 1902 to 1910; in 1916 he started special legal work in Mexico, he was a member of the State senate from 1923 to 1927; he was elected to the Seventy-third and to all succeeding Congresses; chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs; died May 8, 1951.

Mrs. BOSONE, a Representative from the State of Utah, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum, placed a memo-

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rial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

There followed a period of devotional silence, during which the Members stood.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Preston].

Hon. PRINCE H. PRESTON, Jr., a Representative from the State of Georgia, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. PRINCE H. PRESTON, JR.

Mr. PRESTON. Mr. Speaker, each civilization develops its own peculiar customs, and one of ours is to wait until death comes to give full confession of love and respect for our friends. And so today, in accordance with a long-standing custom, we are met to pay affectionate tribute to our colleagues who have departed this life during the past 12 months.

This is a tender moment for all of us who knew so well the seven Members of the House of Representatives and two Members of the Senate whose memories we honor today. It is a moment when we can put out of our minds all thoughts of material things and permit our recollection to bring before our eyes in realistic pageantry the hours, the days, and years spent in pleasant association with these noblemen.

Nature's own nobleman, friendly and frank
Is a man with his heart in his hand.

It is a moment of intense reality, for as we heard the honor roll called, we realized to what great extent the angel of death has been among us, and it wakes up within us the thought that we too may soon be brushed by its wings.

His wings are gray and trailing,
Azrael, Angel of Death,
And yet the souls that Azrael brings
Across the dark and cold,
Look up beneath those folded wings,
And find them lined with gold.

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It is a moment of great reverence as we lift our voices in adulation, firm in the belief that listening ears in the far-off yonder will softly hear and accept the tribute we pay their precious memory.

Moreover, it is a moment of humility when the spirit takes hold and we tremble in the thought of our unworthiness. We stand in the warmth of the rays from God's light of love and all too often never look up to see from whence it comes. Let us pause in the sacredness of the hour to acknowledge our debt of love to Him who giveth life and taketh it away.

Yes, it too is a moment of consecration; a moment full with fresh thoughts of the passing from our midst of our valued friends who, beyond any doubt, won by their devoted service a seat in that invisible Congress presided over by Him from whose rulings there is no appeal. This is a moment for consecration and rededication to the proposition of immortality to the end that when the time comes to yield our term on earth that we may inherit a legacy of eternal membership in that body supreme, there to join those we honor today. I am constantly reminded of the philosophy expressed by Ingalls in his eulogy of Ben Hill, of my native State, when I ponder the glories of heaven. He said:

Every man's life is the center of a circle. Within its narrow confines he is potential; beyond he perishes. And if immortality be a splendid but elusive dream, if the incompleteness of every human career, even the longest and most fortunate, be not perfected and supplemented after its termination here, then he who fears to die should dread to live, for life would be a tragedy more desolate and inexplicable than death.

How can we find it in our hearts to believe that God will break faith with all the sons of men on the assurance of the words of Genesis:

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

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And it is on this premise that we gather today, joined by the families and close friends of our late Members, to hallow their memory with our inadequate expressions of devotion and appreciation.

These great men gave freely to the effort to preserve our Republic. Theirs the effort to see to it that representative and constitutional government for a free people did not succumb, that equality of opportunity under the law should always survive; that the restraint of the mighty and the protection of the weak be a legal fact and not an academic fiction. Theirs to hold to the ancient faith of the founders—to preserve the old fidelities of policy, to revere the precedents honorably established—but likewise to pioneer in new fields of remedy and procedure when the old order grew archaic and unstable. And there lies one of the distressing problems of congressional service; to make decisions to abandon an established tenet of policy honored during the reach of years, but now found inadequate to meet the evolution of events and the fickle currents of public opinion. It is no easy thing to remove “the ancient landmarks thy fathers have set” and neither is it a trivial thing to choose a safer outpost than the old fortress to be abandoned. Our honored colleagues measured up in the highest degree to all responsibilities devolving upon them.

No one knows better than the members of the families of these distinguished gentlemen, the sustained stress and strain of serving in Congress; the years trimmed from a normal expectancy because of the arduous hours spent in meeting duty with full measure of effort. We saw them working when they should have been resting. We noticed the hours they spent at night and on week ends dealing with the problems of the hour. We heard them spurn the advice of friends and colleagues to desist from strenuous effort, but devotion to duty overruled better judgment and now they are gone.

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Farewell, friends, yet not farewell;
Where I am, ye, too, shall dwell.
I am gone before your face,
A moment's time, a little space.

Mr. Speaker, not only were our revered colleagues good men with a high sense of appreciation for moral and spiritual values, but they were wise men. How interesting it has been to me to study the Congressional Record and read how well and truly each of them left for posterity great words of wisdom, words of admonition. Some of these statements are startlingly accurate in caution and prediction.

Listen to the words of ARTHUR VANDENBERG, architect of the United Nations, spoken on January 10, 1945:

Mr. President, we still have two major wars to win. I said "we." That does not mean America alone. It means the continued and total battle fraternity of the United Nations. It must mean one for all and all for one; and it will mean this, unless somewhere in this grand alliance the stupid and sinister folly of ulterior ambitions shall invite the enemy to postpone our victory through our own rivalries and our own confusion. The United Nations, in even greater unity of military action than heretofore, must never, for any cause, permit this military unity to fall apart. If it does, we shall count the cost in mortal anguish, even though we stumble on to a belated, though inevitable, victory.

On February 28, 1941, JOHN KEE, who so recently left us, made a significant plea for lend-lease when he said:

We must supply this aid to England in this her time of need, not alone because it is her need, but because it is our need and the need of every other free and liberty-loving nation on earth. And if, with our help, England wins and we are saved from the horrors of war, we will be in position to lead the world back to the ways of peace, back to a love of justice and liberty, back, let us hope, once more to the love and worship of God.

We recall the timely warning given on June 27, 1949, by FRANK BUCHANAN when he said:

We have advanced a great step forward away from isolationism. Some people would try to make out that questioning of funds for foreign aid, both ECA and arms for Europe, mean a new wave of isolationism. It is a healthy sign, rather than a pessimistic one,

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because there is a real regard for caution and a raising of the question as to how much we really can afford to spend.

We, as Members of Congress, should awaken to the idea and to the hard economic fact that this Nation's resources are not without limit.

How right was HERBERT MEYER on July 25, 1950, when he cautioned:

In these critical days every precaution should be taken to see that no materials and supplies from the United States or any of the countries allied with the United States in the effort to confine communism should reach the forces arrayed against us.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, in the archives of the Congress we find well established in the record the story of the yearnings of these men for the creation of conditions and laws insuring a higher standard of living for their fellow countrymen. Allow me to quote further. These are almost familiar words from VIRGIL CHAPMAN, uttered on June 19, 1948:

Nothing is more fundamental than that the permanence and the prosperity of American institutions depend on the intelligence and character of the American people. Cultivated mind is the only leadership which free people will accept and free government cannot function long or successfully unless it derives its powers from an electorate of intelligence and character. There is more of the spirit of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights in the public school system than in any other of our cherished institutions. It is the symbol of democracy in the broadest and most vital sense in which that word can be used, including the kind of democracy that teaches every man to be his brother's keeper and to love his neighbor as himself.

Listen to ALFRED BULWINKLE on July 26, 1946, who was so long a hospital patient before his passing:

This hospital bill (Hospital Survey and Construction Act) * * * will do much to alleviate suffering, and to make the lot of many people easier. It will place this Nation of ours in the forefront of all nations in public health and public welfare.

The voice of WILLIAM LEMKE can be heard as he said on December 17, 1937:

Congress should now assume its constitutional duty and again write the Nation's laws. It should write a farm bill which will

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give to the farmers cost of production for that part of commodities consumed in the United States. It should write a labor bill which will give to every laboring man a living wage—an American standard of living. The time is at hand when the intelligent people of this Nation must wake up and assume their responsibility.

Then comes the voice of JOHN LESINSKI, independent and challenging, on April 19, 1946.

I care little whether legislation has the approval of the Bureau of the Budget and the administration so long as it is for the benefit of the many.

Striking a true tone, JOHN SULLIVAN pronounced on June 24, 1949:

I subscribe to the theory of good housing as an investment in good citizenship. I know of no single factor in our society that has more to do with shaping the American way of life than the homes our people live in.

These are but samples of the record of constructive service our brethren carved for themselves. These are but brief exhibits from a great file of evidence already accepted by the court of public acclaim.

And so, standing before the monuments these gallant men erected for themselves while among us by deed and kindly act, we bid them farewell—in sorrow but with uplifted hearts. We mourn with their loved ones; and in bereavement we recall that, while all men must meet death somewhere on the way, these our colleagues were privileged to meet it on the open road, in the day of their service, with their honors full upon them. But before we turn away we would take the sculptor's chisel and cut these words upon their monuments of alabaster clear—

Yes, I have lived! Pass on
And trouble me with questions nevermore—
I suffered. I have won
A solemn peace—my peace forevermore.
Leave me in silence here.
I have hope, no care,
I know no fear;
For I have borne—but now no longer bear.

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Mr. Robert C. Nicholson sang Requiem, by Homer.
Staff Sgt. George Manof accompanied at the piano.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. St. George].

Hon. KATHARINE ST. GEORGE, a Representative from the State of New York, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. KATHARINE ST. GEORGE

Mrs. ST. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, we are once more met to commemorate the passing, this year, of nine of our friends and colleagues.

It is well that we should pause, even now when the world is in such confusion and turmoil and stop to think of them, of what they were, of what they stood for, and in what they believed. We come here not as men and women grief-stricken and without hope but to renew our faith in the work that these men did and were doing, to gain courage from their example and strength from their steadfastness.

There is, in very truth, a closely knit fraternity that exists in the Congress of the United States. We all have the same problems, the same disappointments, the same successes and failures regardless of party labels, and so when we die in harness, as these nine have done, giving the last full measure of service to their country, we pause with pride and understanding and we seem to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

These men worked to the last. They did not spare themselves. Many times, we know, that they were asked to rest, to halt, but to save themselves they could not and would not and for that, too, we admire them.

I saw a picture the other day of a young and dashing marine, evidently just dashing into combat, and the caption under the picture was: "Come on, you guys, do you want to live forever?" That boy had a smile on his lips and these, our comrades, had that same smile and that same

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desire to do all that the situation and the times demanded of them even if it meant shortening their lives here on earth.

The lives of these men were rewarding and for that reason, hard. Because nothing is worth having that has not cost us something to gain. The closeness to one's own little district or State is a very precious thing. The fact that people turn to their Congressman for certain services and even more important, turn to them in personal matters and problems, all these things bring truly great rewards. The friendships made with men and women in every walk of life, the broadening of one's whole horizon as day by day we get to know and understand more and more of humanity. More of its frailty, yes, but also more of its dignity, of its faith, and of its courage.

These men we honor today accomplished much because they understood these things. In this age of mechanical perfection there is still no substitute for the human touch and for human work and understanding. For that reason these human friends of ours are remembered. Great engines of peace and war are scrapped and forgotten when they have accomplished their work. But men are remembered because of that divine spark that is in us all and that goes on and on into eternity, leaving something here on earth. Here is the roll:

Senator VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN, Kentucky.

Senator ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG, Michigan.

Representative JOHN LESINSKI, Michigan.

Representative WILLIAM LEMKE, North Dakota.

Representative ALFRED LEE BULWINKLE, North Carolina.

Representative HERBERT A. MEYER, Kansas.

Representative JOHN B. SULLIVAN, Missouri.

Representative FRANK BUCHANAN, Pennsylvania.

Representative JOHN KEE, West Virginia.

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As I name them, each one of you will remember some personal touch, or some especial word or phrase that you will carry all through your life and that was a part of them. It is too soon for us to appraise their place in history but we know that they had little thought of that, but did the tasks that came to hand, always going forward, never turning back. It is quite possible that in the future some of these colleagues of ours and their works will be proved important to humanity. It is never those who get the greatest acclaim in life who are the giants of history and it is well to remember the words of Phillips Brooks who, in writing of Christ, said:

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that one solitary life.

No; as time passes and the storms and the earthquakes subside the still small voice emerges and triumphs and the stone that the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone of the building.

Today we are all worried and afraid. We are confused and it seems that so much that we had trusted has failed. We must turn again to the God of our fathers who gave them this good land and to whom they turned always in adversity and prosperity. This Nation was founded on the principle of a deep belief and faith in God. True, religion and government were to be separate, but let no one imagine from that we were an irreligious people, nothing could be farther from the truth. Of late we have turned away from these basic concepts and have begun to trust in our own strength, our own righteousness, and our own power. This has led us into confusion and sorrow. We must remember that we are

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equal, but under God; we must remember that His is the power and the glory and that ours is only a faint reflection of it. Man must look up and beyond himself, if he would have peace of mind, and without that he cannot succeed. The world today needs peace of mind. Needs to have faith so that we can achieve those things that at times seem beyond our reach, but with faith all things are possible.

As these Congressmen went through life, they had faith to carry on their tasks and the accomplishments and successes they achieved were their reward. Many worked for peace, others worked to make the world and this country a better place for men to live in, and if necessary die for. The earthly rewards of a Member of Congress are meager and yet we know that we love our work and that nothing else would be as satisfying. It is because this is a human job that brings us all close together in a common task. We may not always succeed, in fact we may often fail, but we know what we are striving for and what these men strove and died for, to prove that freedom under God can survive and can overcome its enemies be they ever so powerful both at home and abroad. That is a creed worth fighting for and just as our soldiers fight and die for it on battlefields, so these nine men fought and probably truly died for it right in the Congress of the United States.

To you their families and friends who are here we can but say this is a proud moment for you, this is indeed their finest hour, the task has been accomplished, the victory has been won and they go on from strength to strength.

For us their colleagues who remain behind, we too are cheered and heartened by their examples, we have not always agreed but we have always respected each other. We have fought a good fight together and we will try to carry on where these, our brothers, left off until that great day:

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When earth's last picture is painted and the tubes are twisted and dried,

When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest and faith we shall need it, lie down for an aeon or two,

Till the Master of all good workmen shall put us to work anew.

And only the Master shall praise us and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;

But each for the joy of the working and each, in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it for the good of things as they are.

Master Sgt. Edward L. Masters sounded taps, the echo being sounded by Staff Sgt. John A. Gosling.

The Chaplain pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you His countenance and give you peace. Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 205, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p. m.) under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 17, 1951, at 11 o'clock a. m.

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Remarks by Representative McCormack *Of Massachusetts*

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I include the following editorial from the Washington Evening Star of May 9, 1951:

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In March 1949 when he succeeded the late Sol Bloom as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Representative JOHN KEE, of West Virginia, was known to few Americans outside Congress or beyond the borders of his own State. And when death struck him down during yesterday's committee session he was still pretty much of a stranger to the public at large. Yet this quiet, self-effacing man—an excellent lawyer with a keen analytical mind and a gentle spirit that abhorred noisy headline-hunting—was one of the Nation's most devoted servants, a hard-working legislator whose contribution in the international field will surely live on after him as a kind of monument to his name.

For Mr. KEE—a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee throughout all of his 18 years in the House—was an American acutely aware of the dangerous nature of these times and of the problems that the United States had to meet to serve its own best interests. In a unique respect, therefore, he dedicated himself, with a sense of duty and urgency, to international matters. Wholly apart from what he did in the Seventy-ninth Congress to bring about a much needed reorganization of the Foreign Service, he played a highly constructive wartime and postwar role in helping to persuade his colleagues to enact such historic measures as lend-lease, aid to Greece and Turkey, and the Marshall plan for European recovery.

Although he gave his attention to domestic issues on which he invariably voted in support of the administration, Mr. KEE's overriding and consuming interest was in the work of the Foreign

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Affairs Committee. Consistently, both before and after he became the committee's chairman, he strove diligently for united, bipartisan action, and he was in no small part responsible for the fact that it was achieved on some of the most far-reaching international legislation in the history of the United States. No fanfare ever marked his efforts, but he has left behind him a genuinely distinguished record in the service of his country.

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Remarks by Representative Battle
Of Alabama

Mr. BATTLE. Mr. Speaker, it is a special privilege to place in the Congressional Record a beautiful letter from the staff of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to Mrs. John Kee, wife of our late beloved chairman:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
May 16, 1951.

Mrs. JOHN KEE,
George Washington Inn,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR MRS. KEE: In the passing of our beloved chairman, Judge KEE, all of us on the staff of the committee feel a profound sense of personal loss.

The judge was a great chairman, with an outstanding record of unselfish public service and devotion. But he was more than that to us, however. Despite his heavy and demanding workload, he always found time to take an active interest in us and our problems, and was anxious that we find a maximum degree of happiness in our work. His kindness, friendliness, and deep understanding made it a simple matter for us to achieve that happiness.

You and your family can be justly proud of, and comforted by, the great and noble reputation he leaves behind.

We wish for you and each member of your family many years of health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Boyd Crawford, Ira E. Bennett, Sheldon Z. Kaplan, George Lee Millikan, Roy J. Bullock, Albert C. F. Westphal, June Nigh, Winifred Osborne, Mabel Wofford, Mary G. Chace, Helen Mattas.

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Remarks by Representative Ramsay *Of West Virginia*

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, under leave to revise and extend my remarks, I include a poetic eulogy to our departed friend and colleague, the Honorable JOHN KEE:

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J-OHN KEE, a great and good man, has passed on—
O-ver the Great Divide, yea, he has gone—
H-appily, calmly, he's resting at ease,
N-ow, 'neath the shade of tranquillity's trees.

K-ind in his manner, and pure in his life—
E-arnestly loved by his children and wife—
E-very acquaintance of his was his friend—

A-nd all of them bemoan his tragic end.

G-raciously, he performed every great task,
O-n him laid, and never once did he ask
O-f his coworkers to be relieved from
D-oing the job, until he was called home.

G-od called him home, so that he could in peace
R-est from his labors which seemed to increase—
E-very year, undismayed by his advanced
A-ge, with his duties he still seemed entranced.
T-ruly, the Nation, indeed, lost a great

M-an, when JOHN KEE from his post stepped aside;
A-nd, laying down life's unbearable weight,
N-obly, he, in the arms of his friends, died.

G-reatly grieved are all his kinsmen and friends—
O-f those in Congress, on whom much depends,
N-one were more needed, perhaps, than was he—
E-very true Congressman will miss JOHN KEE.

—Horace C. Carlisle.

Committee on Foreign Affairs

A statement on behalf of the committee announced with profound regret and a deep sense of inestimable loss the passing of Chairman JOHN KEE, a Representative from West Virginia. Judge KEE passed away while presiding over a meeting, whereat the committee voted to report favorably on the Ribicoff resolution affirming friendship for the peoples of the Soviet Union. The committee statement said in part that—

Judge KEE had been in ill health recently. His death was due to a heart attack. Despite ill health, he insisted on fulfilling the responsibilities that were his. So high was his sense of duty and devotion to his country that he continued to preside over meetings despite the advice of his physician that he take a rest from such arduous work. He refused to allow himself the luxury of inactivity when the committee had before it important issues affecting the welfare of the country he loved and so faithfully served. He had often expressed to his colleagues and friends his wish that when the end came, it would find him at work. He passed away as he lived—a conscientious public servant engaged in the performance of his duty.

Judge KEE began his congressional service in 1933 and served continuously to his death. He became a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs when he first came to Congress, and served continuously thereon, becoming chairman in March 1949. He passed away in his seventy-sixth year.

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Remarks by Senator Kilgore

Of West Virginia

Mr. KILGORE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the appendix of the Record an editorial from the Williamson (W. Va.) News commenting on the death of Congressman JOHN KEE, the distinguished chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, a statesman whose contribution to his country in a period of great tension will be increasingly recognized and appreciated in the years ahead.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

CONGRESSMAN JOHN KEE

No higher tribute can be paid to any man than that he died at his post of duty. Such a tribute is befitting Congressman JOHN KEE. In the words of Senator Harley Kilgore, of Beckley: JOHN KEE fell as he lived, a devoted public servant, a West Virginian who contributed in a very large measure to the betterment of his State and Nation, a truly great American.

Congressman KEE literally gave his last breath to the cause of peace, since the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, of which he was chairman, had just passed a resolution aimed toward the bettering of international relations. Announcing the passage of the resolution, Mr. KEE spoke to a colleague and then quietly slipped away from the intense and vital responsibilities which had exacted heavy toll from the mild-mannered but determined West Virginian.

He was justly proud of his post, but his honors and his heavy responsibilities wrought no change in his simple dignity and the courteous manner in which he met everyone. He met every situation with a smile. For several years, the veteran legislator had fought the condition which finally resulted in his death, but only the hand of the Grim Reaper could serve to stay his courageous battle to serve his Nation and his people.

The Fifth Congressional District of West Virginia has not only lost its able, conscientious, and efficient Representative in Congress,

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but the Nation has lost one of the best-informed men in foreign affairs in the entire Congress. His particular place cannot be filled—his position will be extremely difficult to fill.

And so we sincerely regret the passing of this friend, this able legislator, this great statesman, this noble American. May the consciousness of his earnest endeavors for world peace and understanding ever remain with his committee, to spur each member to emulate his high and unselfish desires.

In our regret, we salute the memory of this high-principled servant of State and Nation who gave of his all in that he died in the line of duty—faithful to his cause to the very last.

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Remarks by Representative Ramsay *Of West Virginia*

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I include the following letter received by me from our former colleague, the Honorable Pete Jarman, now American Ambassador at Canberra:

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Canberra, July 27, 1951.

HON. ROBERT L. RAMSAY,
*House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.*

DEAR FRIEND RAMSAY: I have just read with keen interest and appreciation your very appropriate remarks about the passing of our dear friend Judge KEE in the Congressional Record of May 8. May I take the liberty of commending you heartily on these appropriate remarks and saying something that I think you already know; that is, that had I been present it would have afforded me pleasure, although with tears in my eyes, to have indulged in similar references of appreciation of the life and service of this great man, the passing of whom, as was so appropriately indicated by all of you gentlemen, was such a great loss to his State and Nation.

I am delighted to learn from my secretary as I commenced dictating this letter that Mrs. Kee has very appropriately been elected to succeed him in the House.

With kind personal regards to you and yours, I am,

Yours sincerely,

PETE JARMAN,
American Ambassador.

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TUESDAY, *May 8, 1951.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, grant that daily we may aspire and strive to live on the plane of high personal morality and do all in our power to lift and lead suffering and struggling humanity into nobler ways of living.

Show us how we may combat and conquer those evils of hatred and prejudice and ill will in our own hearts and in the social order that hinder and frustrate the glorious purposes which Thou hast for us and all mankind.

May we continue to pray fervently and labor earnestly for the dawning of that brighter day when every selfish passion and every thought of personal aggrandizement shall be silenced and the hearts of men shall go out to one another in the spirit of good will.

Help us to believe that there are no problems, individual or social, national or international, so dark and terrible which men and nations cannot solve if they only will to solve them and only will to cultivate and manifest the finer spirit of brotherhood and justice and peace.

We thank Thee for the Christian life and character of Thy servant who walked in and out among us and who sought to serve his generation according to Thy divine will. May we rejoice in the glad assurance that his spirit now dwells in heavenly blessedness, forever with the Lord. We are sending unto the members of his bereaved family our love and sympathy through the God of all consolation.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

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The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Virginia.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 223).

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. JOHN KEE, a Representative from the State of West Virginia.

Resolved, That a committee of 15 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce the passing of our dear friend and colleague the Honorable JOHN KEE. The distinguished chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the beloved dean of our West Virginia delegation died just a few short moments ago. He was stricken while presiding over the committee.

We console ourselves, knowing he died as he wished, on the job, in the service of the State and Nation he loved so well. Because of his service his loss is a sad day for the people of West Virginia and of the Nation.

It has been my high privilege to know, esteem, and love JOHN KEE for many years. Our friendship extended more than 40 years. Our paths first crossed as young lawyers. I knew him when he served with distinction in the State Senate of West Virginia. We came to Congress together on March 4, 1933. We have been through many battles together. He was always motivated by great humanitarian principles. Only yesterday we discussed the proposal for sending aid and

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succor to the starving peoples of India. He was greatly concerned with the suffering in that country.

JOHN KEE was honorable. He was able. He was a fine, outstanding man.

We do not know why JOHN KEE died. We know not why he lived. His birth, life, and death are to us wrapped in a cloak of mystery, as is the life cycle of us all. Yet we know that death is not all. We know from the word of God and from our faith in that word that he has only departed to a better world, where he enjoys life eternal. Let us hope that we may all live so that when our time comes to leave this earth we may be able, like our departed friend, to wrap the mantle of our couch about us and lie down to pleasant dreams.

It is difficult for me to control my feelings as I speak of this great loss. My heart goes out to his devoted wife and children. We will all miss him. God bless him. He was a great and able man.

I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. Richards].

Mr. RICHARDS. Mr. Speaker, a great American and a great orator one time said at the bier of his brother:

On the night of death hope sees a star,
And listening love hears the rustle of a wing.

I have always thought that the beauty of that statement would have been even more beautiful if the speaker had changed one word and said, "On the night of death faith sees a star and listening love hears the rustle of a wing."

On this morning of death our faith, too, sees a star after the departure of a great man who had great faith in his country and its institutions and in his God. Judge KEE taught us much about what real faith means.

I came to the Congress with Judge KEE. During our first term I began to know him, to admire him, and to love him,

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and through every succeeding year that affection and admiration grew.

Judge KEE was an humble man. As you know, humility goes with true greatness.

He was a man of indomitable courage, though all did not realize it because of his quiet way. Judge KEE's motto was honesty in all dealings with his fellowman. In addition to that, he was a great lawyer, but his legal light was carried under a bushel; only those of us who served with him for so many years on the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House knew the full extent of his legal knowledge. He was not the kind of man who delighted in exhibitionism on the floor of the House of Representatives, but those who sat with him through the long hours at the council table of our committee year in and year out knew of the depth of his learning.

This morning the Foreign Affairs Committee was in session and Judge KEE was sitting at its head as its chairman, as he had for so many years. We had just passed a resolution very close to his heart—a resolution known as the McMahon-Ribicoff resolution, which extended to the people of Russia—the people, not the Government, of Russia—a friendly hand, and gave notice to the peoples of the world that, though nations are arrayed against nations, yet the heart and hand of friendship of the American people went out to the Russian people, as well as all the other oppressed peoples of the earth.

Just after that resolution was passed our beloved chairman got up, put his hand on my shoulder, and said, "Dick, will you take the chair?" He walked out, took only a few steps into another office, and slumped into the arms of friends, and so a noble man passed away. He died with his boots on, and, had he been able to choose, I do not think he would have chosen any other way. Only yesterday I talked with his son, who is a dear friend of mine and who has many of the gentle and learned characteristics of his father. I tried to persuade him to get his father to go away in the hope that he might recover his health. He said, "I have taken that up with

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father, and do you know what he told me? He said, 'Jimmy, I'd die quickly if I did not carry on. When I go I want to go in harness'."

So a great man has passed on. We admired him and we will cherish his memory; we valued his guidance, and we will continue to value it though he is gone.

May the Great Master console his devoted wife and family and wipe away their tears in the memory that their loved one fought a great fight to the end of his earthly day and now reaps the reward of a clean, unselfish life.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague from West Virginia [Mr. Hedrick].

Mr. HEDRICK. Mr. Speaker, this is certainly a terrible day for me; it will be for every West Virginian who knew Judge KEE as I knew him. We loved him; the people of West Virginia admired his ability, admired his sincerity, his honesty; and I want to assure you that we shall miss him greatly in our State.

I have known Judge KEE practically all my life. As a small boy, I remember that he, as a young man, was buying rights-of-way for the Virginian Railroad that was being constructed through our section. They selected Mr. KEE, as everybody knew him in those days, to buy the right-of-way for the Virginian Railroad because of his unusual ability, because he had a knack of attracting people and making friends; in other words, he could contact the farmers and the country people there and they knew they would get a fair deal.

That was my first acquaintance with him. I have known him since then on and off for the rest of his life. I knew him as a State senator, I knew him as a very able attorney in our State. When a client would get Judge KEE to represent him, everybody would say: "He will not have very much trouble. He has a real lawyer." Everyone felt that way

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about Judge KEE. They felt that he was a brilliant and outstanding attorney.

Judge KEE came to Congress in May 1932, some 18 years ago. At that time the people of West Virginia missed him tremendously. Many people looked upon him as the most outstanding lawyer in that section of the country. Although he was missed there, he has done an excellent job here in Washington and the people of my State are extremely proud of the record he has made here as a Representative and they were particularly proud of the fact he became chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

It is sad to know that a real American, a real gentleman, a valuable man to his country and to his State has to become disabled and grow old. But that is something we all have to face.

Judge KEE was greatly devoted to his family and to his many friends in West Virginia. He loved his constituents. He admired people and enjoyed the associations of his friends and neighbors. He had a fine sense of humor and a keen perspective of life. Always gentle and kind, he loved to assist his friends in any way he could. Judge KEE was a religious man, and we shall all miss his guiding influence greatly. Our country has lost a valuable citizen.

I extend to the family of Judge KEE my most heartfelt sympathy. I am sure every Member of this House who knew Judge KEE will join with me in extending sympathy to his family and to the people of West Virginia.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, in mourning the passing of our dear friend and colleague, we pause to pay tribute to the memory of a great man. The suddenness of his death, with its direct effect on each and every one of us, and with the recollections that we have of this noble-minded gentle-

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man, make it difficult for us to express our feelings and our thoughts.

I was seated in my office just prior to coming to the House Chamber when I received the sad news of the passing of JOHN KEE. Many great men and women have served in this body and, with the help and the guidance of God, after we have left here many others will continue to serve our country for countless generations to come. I think I can say without exaggeration that during the constitutional history of our country covering a period of 160 years or more there has been no Member who was elected and who came into this Chamber who performed his duties in a more sincere, in a more devoted, and in a more able manner than did our late friend. The gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. Richards] said, and properly so, that JOHN KEE "died with his boots on." While performing his duties as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs this morning, in the line of active duty as a legislator, the sudden attack came that resulted in practically his immediate death. I agree with the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. Richards] that the probabilities are that JOHN KEE died as he would liked to have died, as the gentleman from South Carolina so aptly expressed in his own words "in the harness." This is a moment of sadness; not only a moment but an event of sadness for all of us. But in evaluating the life of this great man we can all learn a constructive message therefrom: Born in West Virginia in 1874, taking the journey of life just as all of us have in our own way, but taking it constructively, as a friend of his neighbor, as a legislator in his own State government, as a lawyer, as a legislator in the Congress of the United States, as a human being with a heart, a man who believed in the two greatest commandments of all, love of God and love of neighbor; the second one so frequently overlooked and only given lip service by those who say they believe. JOHN KEE has left his imprint not

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only upon the minds of all of those who knew him but his favorable imprint upon the pages of the history of our country. Occupying one of the most responsible positions that a man could occupy under our form of Government, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and during one of the most trying periods, not only in the history of our country but in the history of the world, he responded to the tasks that devolved upon him as chairman of that great committee and rendered outstanding service in the national interest of our country and of our people. His life is an example for each and everyone of us to follow, not only Americans, but all other persons throughout the world; the example of using and utilizing the God-given gift that the human race has had bestowed upon it of the power to think, of possessing the means whereby we can think and reason and resolve our thoughts and reasoning into a will and to exercise that will for good, the good of our neighbor, the good of our State, and the good of our Nation.

A poet once referred to nobility of character, and another poet to God's noblemen. I think there was no man who during his life more clearly and effectively as a human being symbolized nobility of character, and who is more entitled to be included among that class known as God's noblemen, than our late friend, JOHN KEE.

His passing leaves a void which it is going to be difficult to fill, not only from the angle of his character and his associations with us but from the angle of his sincerity and integrity and his ability, as well as his devotion to duty as a legislator. Starting as a boy, taking the journey of life that he has, with the record that is his now and for all time, the people of West Virginia may well feel proud that JOHN KEE was a son of that great State. The people of the United States can be proud that JOHN KEE lived, that JOHN KEE served in this body, because the contributions of JOHN KEE as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and as a Mem-

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ber of this House were of inestimable value to the best interests and the national interests of our country. He died seeking peace on earth.

His journey on earth is ended, but the results of his contribution shall live on forever.

To Mrs. Kee and her loved ones I extend my profound sympathy. I extend my deep sympathy to the West Virginia delegation in the House. I also extend my deep sympathy not only to the people of JOHN KEE's congressional district but to the people of the entire State of West Virginia. In the passing of JOHN KEE, I have lost a dear and valued friend.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Martin], the minority leader.

Mr. MARTIN of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, this is a sad hour for all of us in the Eighty-second Congress. One of our beloved colleagues has been stricken while in the performance of his duties.

Here in Congress we come to know intimately each Member, we evaluate his merit, his ability, and his worth. JOHN KEE was known to all of us as a man of great ability, a man devoted to the service of his State and his country, a kind and generous man, one who wished to make his country a little better for his having lived in it.

I know in recent years he has been tried as few men have been tried, because he was in a position where he had to make momentous decisions, decisions of vital importance to the country and the world. That unquestionably tired him tremendously. It sapped his strength and hastened his death. It can truthfully be said that he died in the service of his country just as surely as if he had fallen on the field of battle.

We mourn the death of a beloved colleague. The world is better for his having lived. We do well to pay our little tribute to the deceased statesman. I join with the great State of West Virginia in deploring the loss of a valued

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public servant and a Christian gentleman and a real American. To his family I extend my deepest sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey, Dr. Eaton, a member of Mr. KEE's committee.

Mr. EATON. Mr. Speaker, I find it very hard to express the feelings of myself and our colleagues on the committee at this moment. I loved JOHN KEE—he was my dear friend. He was a pure-souled man. He stepped in a moment from time into eternity, which is a fine way to go—he was ready to go. We sat side by side on the committee for many years and I do not recall once that we had a disagreement which amounted to anything except superficially in the matter of opinion. He leaves behind him an honored name. His family can be proud of his memory. His State and country and this great body can be proud of the service he rendered. I simply want to lay beside his dear body this wreath of my profound personal affection and my tremendous sense of loss.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Montana [Mr. Mansfield].

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. Speaker, a gentleman has gone to his reward. As has been brought out by those who have preceded me, JOHN KEE, chairman of our committee, died in the saddle in the performance of his duty. JOHN KEE was living on borrowed time, because in talking to Admiral Calver this morning I was informed that he had a heart condition from which very few men recovered and which he had carried for the past 10 years. There was no more gentle, no more conscientious, and no fairer man than Judge KEE, and we on the committee are going to miss him and miss him greatly. Judge KEE was not only an honor and an asset to his district, he was something worth while which the State

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of West Virginia gave to the Nation. He in turn worked not only for his district and his State and his Nation but for world peace with everything he possessed. Judge KEE cannot be replaced very easily but in laying down his life within the past hour he laid down his life in a good cause because he was working and striving and doing his utmost in behalf of the people whom he represented. Judge KEE has not died but has just passed from one room into another. He is now in the House of his Father.

To Mrs. Kee and her family I extend my deepest sympathy in their hour of distress. He was a good husband, a good father, a good man.

May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio [Mrs. Bolton], a member of Mr. KEE's committee.

Mrs. BOLTON. Mr. Speaker, to us who have served with Judge KEE on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, who have felt the warmth of his gentleness and sensed the strength of his soul, the word that came to us but a few moments after he left his chair and walked through the door into the other room could not be other than a great shock. We knew he had walked for years upon the threshold, but somehow we felt he would not have to go beyond. But with his accustomed gentle courtesy he gave over the chair and went into the "next room." He has gone with the kind of faith that we all need, a faith that is not a passive thing, a mere believing or waiting, but a faith which is an active thing, a positive striving and achievement, a faith that is a brave endeavor and a splendid enterprise, a faith that is a bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark. He heard the music of the song and went quietly into the "other room." We are left here knowing that without him for a moment the world must be darker for us, and yet we know that because of him our world is a better place in which to live, so great his talent for friendship, so wonderful his

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capacity for kindness. So few today have time for kindness. The judge was dispensing it wherever he went; in whatever direction he set his feet radiated the beauty of his soul.

I know so well that no words of mine will bring surcease to his wife and his dear ones in these first hours of devastation. Yet I would share with them and with all to whom the judge has been companion, friend, counselor, and fellow Member of this great body, words from the Ancient Wisdom of the Aryans:

Never the spirit was born; the spirit shall cease to be never;

Never was time it was not: end and beginning are dreams;

Birthless and deathless and changeless remaineth the spirit
forever;

Death hath not touched it all, dead though the house of it seems.

Nay, but as one who layeth

His worn-out robes away,

And, taking new ones, sayeth:

"These will I wear today!"

So putteth by the spirit

Lightly its robe of flesh,

And passeth to inherit

A residence afresh.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. O'Toole].

Mr. O'TOOLE. Death has come to JOHN KEE, as it must come to all men. The Lord in His omnipotent wisdom has chosen to extinguish that flash, that transitory flash that we choose to call life. He has taken JOHN KEE's eternal soul and placed it in the eternity that was prepared for him years ago. We who continue in this vale of tears will miss the friendship of JOHN KEE, but he has left to each and every one of us a legacy, a legacy of thoughtfulness, a legacy of kindness, a legacy of devotion to duty, a legacy to show respect for God and respect for man.

We who have served with JOHN are richer by his presence, by his thoughtfulness; we learned what it meant to be considerate of each other. His devotion to his country, his devo-

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tion to his duties in this House will long be remembered by all of us who had the happiness and privilege of serving with him.

Death is such a final thing that it is almost impossible for us adequately to express to his family the feelings we have for them in their hour of sorrow, but at the same time we realize that they, too, are much richer than the ordinary mortal by reason of their associations with and their intimate feelings and their intimate regard for one who was a dear father and a dear husband.

The Members of this House, the employees of the House, the people of the Nation, the people of the State have suffered a great loss.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Smith].

Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, there will be forever etched upon my memory the final minutes in the life of JOHN KEE. As I watched him this morning while he presided over our committee, he seemed a bit flushed, and then I saw him lean over and speak to the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. Richards]. JOHN got up, Mr. Richards took the chair, and our beloved chairman walked out of our lives. As he walked his step was uncertain. Obviously the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. Battle] recognized his distress, for he, too, stepped up and assisted him into his office. In a few minutes he was gone from us.

There was something about this man that is difficult to describe. When I first went on this great committee I was down at the end of the table and JOHN KEE was in the middle of the table on the opposite side. With the passing of time, the elimination of Members by death and election, JOHN KEE, finally took his place as chairman of the committee.

I have never known a man who was more gentle, more kind, or more considerate than our beloved chairman. I expect that I have disagreed with him more than any other

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member of the committee, but in disagreement with him there was no lack of respect; we could disagree without being disagreeable. He treated me with the greatest consideration, and when we talked about it, as we did, he would so often say: "Well, this is in the great American tradition." and now he is gone and he has achieved that peace which passeth all understanding. If we could hear his voice as it comes down to us from the celestial at this moment I am sure he would be saying to each and every one of us: "Carry on! Carry on! Carry on!"

A great American has left us. His imprint on this body will last for a long time.

Nothing that I can say will match the effort that he made in his lifetime for his community, his State, and his Nation. Well done thou good and faithful servant.

To his family, his friends, his State, and to his party, my deep and sincere sympathy.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. Battle].

Mr. BATTLE. Mr. Speaker, 1 hour ago in his office upstairs next to the Foreign Affairs Committee room, with his loyal assistant, Mr. Boyd Crawford, and myself at his side, Judge JOHN KEE passed on to his reward.

I have been a member of this Committee on Foreign Affairs for some 3 years and during most of that time I served under the able chairmanship of Judge KEE. I can truthfully say that I have never been associated with a harder working man, a more conscientious, or a fairer individual than our beloved friend who has just passed away.

Judge KEE was presiding this morning over the consideration of some very vital legislation—vital to the welfare and the future of this country. I was near Judge KEE and facing him in the committee, so when he tapped our colleague the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. Richards] on the shoulder and asked him to preside I felt called upon to assist

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the judge to his room next door. Boyd and I helped him lie down on the couch. We tried to make him comfortable. Boyd called the doctor and we talked a couple of minutes. Judge KEE's mind was perfectly clear. Within a few minutes after presiding over our committee he had left us without suffering any pain.

Judge KEE died in the Capitol, on the job, which is the way he wanted to go. All of us knew it was bound to come very soon because we realized some time ago he could have lived much longer if he had forgotten his duties, if he had taken a much-deserved vacation, but that is not the way he wanted it. Judge KEE died doing his duty and our country is better for his life and for his services.

I join with Mr. KEE's family in mourning his loss because he was a wonderful man, a wonderful father and husband, a great citizen, an outstanding Member of Congress, an able chairman, and a fine American.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. Burnside].

Mr. BURNSIDE. Mr. Speaker, the parting of friends is always sad and the sudden passing of Judge KEE, who has lived 6 years beyond the promise of 3 score and 10, pained me exceedingly because I had formed a deep-seated admiration for him, both as a Christian citizen and as a sound legislator. I know something of the high hopes he had in the field of foreign affairs, a subject that rested very near his heart. He talked often to me about the point 4 program and asked me to get up twice here and speak about it. It was a thing that had been very much on his mind recently. He was worried about it yesterday, as well as a few days before that. He said, "The hands of the people of India are stretched out to us. This is on my mind; I cannot get it off my mind." He said, "They are dying in large numbers over there." The expressions of sadness that he enunciated these recent days are quite in contrast to the life of spreading cheer that we

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usually associate with JOHN KEE. As he passed among the people in his district, he spread cheer and the people were happy. Judge KEE was known as one of the best storytellers in our State. He was known on this floor as a man who made people brighter. I will never forget young and old have told me that just because he passed their way, they were happier. Judge KEE wanted to die when he was working for his country and for the principles that he held dear.

In the sorrow of our parting, when the activity of his human life has ceased, and when our hearts and minds endeavor to fill the void that his going has left in our lives, we can best realize his worth. The need for him each individual soul amongst us had, and his value to the House of Representatives, of which he was so able a defender and whose doctrines he so luminously expounded, is keenly felt by all of us today. Judge KEE was extremely sincere and conscientious in all relations of life. I think I can see the honest indignation with which the soul would be stirred by the very shadow of sham or pretense. He had an adamant and unappeasable detestation for "him with the two faces," or for him of the fawning ways, or for the cowardly character devoid of courage of his convictions. We read therein the well nigh perfect manhood, scorning all pettiness and subterfuge, and strong and fearless in right doing. The various contributions by this honorable deceased to the promotion, by wise legislation, of the best interest of all America at once stamp him a broad-minded and original thinker. In the presence of this death, let us realize our obligation to make safe and secure the Government of the people which has been committed to our keeping; let us realize that it can thrive and grow only in an atmosphere of popular devotion and unselfish attachment; and above all, let us ever remember the lessons and admonitions that flow from the useful life which we today memorialize.

Judge KEE was a man that loved to give service; a man that could have lived many years longer, but he chose to do his

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work admirably well, and he gave his life just as a soldier gives it. He took all the burdens of this time that we are living in as his burdens, as all of us so readily remember. May we never forget and may we conscientiously carry out the type of life that he lived so exemplary, and may his family rest assured that they had a father and a husband who lived a life well for his country, and may the good Lord give peace to his soul. In closing I would like to give a poem that JOHN KEE wrote in his last days which shows with what triumphant faith he met the sunset of life:

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When the end comes and I am called from here
To join this silent army of the dead,
Will I receive the summons without fear
And face the unknown future without dread?
What is life that I should care to live?
And what is death that I should fear to die?
Is life, life earthly, all that fate can give?
And should regrets go with each hour gone by?

The autumn comes, and lo! the dead leaves fall
To lie unheeded on the cold damp earth;
Perhaps the playthings of the winds, they're all
Blown from where the sunshine gave them birth;
But somewhere, sometime, they will rest, and then
Return unto the earth, from thence ere long
To spring triumphant into life again,
As wildflowers bright and sweet as poet song.

And so, when I am called, I'll go and trust
My soul without a fear to Death's embrace;
For death is but an autumn wind—a gust
That coldly blows an instant, then my place
Is vacant here; but somewhere, in some other clime—
Some other world unseen of mortal eye—
I'll live again; and thence throughout all time
Life will be mine—a soul can never die.

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Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. Kelly].

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Mrs. KELLY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as one of the newest members of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, I was privileged to serve with Judge KEE for a very short time, but in that short time I learned to love him and to respect him, and I am sure my life has been enriched by that service.

I join my colleagues in this tribute to him today and in extending to his family my deepest sympathy. May God grant his family, and most particularly Mrs. Kee, the grace to carry this cross. May God take care of him and see that the peace he endeavored to secure for us and for our children will be gained by his endeavors.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. Ribicoff].

Mr. RIBICOFF. Mr. Speaker, Judge KEE was a good man. In him were combined all the decent human instincts. He was a symbol of humility. It was a great privilege to serve under him on the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

He loved his colleagues, and he wanted them to share the opportunity of service to the Nation, to the Congress, and the committee.

I recall that after I had been a Member of this House but 6 months, Judge KEE sent for me one day and handed me a major piece of legislation, the international-claims bill, saying: "Young man, will you do me a favor by putting your name on this bill and carrying it through hearings and through the House to passage." I realized that it was an unusual thing to give a young Member, a neophyte, that opportunity. He was doing me a great favor. Yet he thanked me for accepting the opportunity conferred by him.

I do not know how long I will be privileged to serve in this House, but I do not think any piece of legislation will ever be so indelibly stamped on my mind as House Concurrent Resolution 57, the McMahon-Ribicoff friendship resolution, that had just been favorably approved by our committee before its passage. Judge KEE had as great an interest in that piece

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of legislation as I. After it was introduced he sent for me and said the following words, which exemplified the philosophy of life he wanted for this Nation:

"You know, the goal of the United States, our Nation, should always be a goal of peace. As day by day we are involved with short-term matters of foreign policy, too little attention is being paid to the long-range point of view, which should prove to the world that the great masses of the people of every Nation desire brotherhood, freedom, and peace." He said: "This resolution of friendship aims toward that goal. You will have my utmost cooperation. I look to the day when the House and the Senate will pass this legislation."

This resolution was the last order of business of the Committee on Foreign Affairs before Judge KEE left the table. I sincerely hope this measure, in a small way, will indicate part of the faith of Judge KEE, as mentioned by the gentleman from South Carolina.

JOHN KEE was a friendly man. Never by word or other indication was there ever any question with him of race, color, creed, or religion. There were no dividing lines in his mind anywhere in the entire universe for any peoples of the world. Judge KEE wanted friendship for all the peoples of the world so that mankind could live in peace and harmony. So, too, did his life go along in peace and harmony.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my sincere condolences to Mrs. Kee and her family.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Jenkins].

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, the opportunity probably has been given to me to know JOHN KEE longer than nearly any Member of this House. I was here when he came to the Congress 18 or 20 years ago. He came from a district which almost adjoins mine. In other words, his district comes down nearly to the Ohio River and my district runs along the Ohio River. We had one thing in common. All of you have served

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with him as a Member of Congress, but I knew him as a lawyer, as a brother lawyer. I want to say to you who are lawyers that JOHN KEE was a good lawyer. His ability in that respect had been proven by the clientele which he enjoyed. He had had some international connections as a lawyer. His district was a mountain district and he was just as strong with his people as the mountains themselves and yet he was just as peaceful and gentle as the little streams that trickle all down through his mountain country. He was a man who had the respect of the courageous mountaineers of his district and he loved the men from the mountains and they respected him. So I want to leave the thought with you that JOHN KEE was no ordinary man. While he had the respect of the men because he was a man's man he also, because of this courteous and kindly disposition, had the respect of the women and children. I knew JOHN KEE as a man and as a Congressman and as a lawyer. I say again JOHN KEE was a big lawyer. He represented big clients. He represented the very heart of that great mountain State. About 10 years ago he commenced to show signs of having heart trouble. He and I were working on a project that was to be located up in the mountains. It was the Bluestone Dam. His wife was anxious about him when he was required to go down to the Government buildings here in Washington. She indicated her anxiety by requesting me to help him if he would be required to climb difficult steps. I followed her instructions and JOHN and I went down together and ascended the long steps together without any serious results.

So my friends back in the hills and hollows of West Virginia when they hear of the death of JOHN KEE today and for some time to come they will say as I am saying now, "JOHN KEE, mountain man, one of our own who went to the top because of his strength when he needed to be strong and because of his gentleness when he needed to be gentle and because of his industry and knowledge at all times."

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They will never forget him because they have for years recognized his ability and fine character. They will tell future generations of his virtues and fine qualities and they will be proud that they had known him. To his relatives I extend my profound sympathy.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from West Virginia [Mr. Stagers].

Mr. STAGGERS. Mr. Speaker, a great man has passed on. I join with his family in their bereavement in this sad moment. He was a sincere, honest, family man. He was devoted to his Nation. He was a gentle, honest, chivalrous, clean-minded, God-fearing man who believed in man, the masterpiece of God's creation, the finest of all fine things in this world. He believed in God the infinite Architect of the Universe and the Compassionate Ruler of Destiny. My life has been made better by my association with JOHN KEE. His friendship has meant a lot to me. He has passed on beyond the shadows where someday all of us will be called.

I would like to give a part of a poem which I believe exemplifies the spirit and typifies the life of this man better than any words I might say. The name of the poem is *Myself*:

I have to live with myself, and so
I want to be fit for myself to know;
I want to be able as the days go by
Always to look myself in the eye.
I don't want to stand with the setting sun
And hate myself for things I've done.
I want to go out with my head erect;
I want to deserve every man's respect.

The State of West Virginia and the Nation will miss the great influence of JOHN KEE.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. Carnahan].

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Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, in the sudden and untimely passing of our beloved colleague, the Honorable JOHN W. KEE, the House of Representative loses one of its most able, conscientious, and hard-working Members.

As chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs it was his task to carry a heavy load. A load heavier than is the lot of many of us. Judge KEE in his long, effective, and rich life never stepped aside from his path of service. He carried on to the very end. We who knew him well are sure this is just as he would have had it.

Judge KEE was a great committee chairman, always fair and considerate, and in his quiet way he was effective.

I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to a great American, a noble character, a warm-hearted friend. I join with my colleagues in extending to the members of his family our deepest sympathy.

Of Judge KEE it can well be said, "mission accomplished," for death to him is merely a benediction to a great life and an invocation to a glorious immortality.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Hays].

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I heard Dr. John R. Mott say one time that the greatest biography that had ever been written was a short sentence referring to Jesus: "He went about doing good."

If that could be said of the greatest and best who walked the earth, what finer aspiration could any of us have?

I have an idea when all of the obituaries have been written and tributes paid there will be this emphasis upon goodness in the life of a man who was also great, who was also able, who was also outstanding. I have an idea, too, that the family will rejoice in these things we have said of him.

Mention has been made of his "gentleness." We use the word glibly sometimes, when we refer to "the gentleman

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from this State or that State," but when he was recognized it could truthfully be said, "the gentle person from West Virginia has the floor."

As one of the junior members of his committee I wish to add this tribute. Dumas Malone, one of the recent biographers of Jefferson, tells us that Jefferson believed that goodness lies at the heart of things, at the center of the universe. Judge KEE had that faith. I think it is appropriate in the counsels of statecraft that this recognition of standards of rectitude be made, and that even on a solemn occasion like this we recognize the stern necessity for maintaining them.

This is the second such experience I have had as a Member of the House in the 8 years I have been here, to see a beloved chairman of my committee pass on very dramatically.

When our dear friend Henry Steagall died, I remember Sam Hobbs said here that the Angel of Death had seized the muscles of his tired heart. Judge KEE's heart and brain had grown tired in the service of his State and his Nation.

To be sure, Mr. Speaker, I am happy that reference is made to his ability as a lawyer and as a statesman. I read a book recently that mentioned him—almost casually I came upon it—some notable professional service he had rendered West Virginia. We recognize that he was really a great lawyer and a great legislator, but I believe that he will be recalled more often for the contribution of goodness and kindness that this world so sorely needs.

When a friend of ours passes on we are again reminded that our investment in the other world continues to pile up; so, in closing, I recall the words that were said of Douglas Malloch by his friend Emerson Hough with whom he had ridden the woods and plains:

To all eternity he binds us;
He links the planet and the star.
He rides ahead; the trail he finds us,
And where he is and where we are
Will never seem again so far.

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Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Javits].

Mr. JAVITS. Mr. Speaker, I, too, served under Judge KEE as the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and it has been said so truly by our colleague from Missouri that he was a great chairman. He was a great chairman because he had the true essence and heart of a lawyer. He was completely judicious. May I say, because this is the time to speak of personal experiences, that my great feeling about Judge KEE was the workmanlike quality he understood so well. We can all learn from him that there is no magic road to greatness of leadership; that it is a lot of very hard work. We have had sessions in the Foreign Affairs Committee in the past many times that went far into the night, engaged in drafting meticulously individual pieces of legislation. I shall never forget the picture of Judge KEE at those sessions chiseling and perfecting every word, helping others with their amendments, doing his utmost in workmanship, stone by stone, the polishing and cleaning which makes us what we are—the great legislative body of the greatest country on earth.

I hope very much that his own family will look on him not only in terms of the father, the husband, the warm, human, gentle being who has been so beautifully described here today, but also as the workman knowing his magnificent art, working at it constantly and, while even as we all know so sadly today, until the very moment of death itself.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Zablocki].

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, the grief in our hearts this day is overwhelming, especially in the hearts of those of us who were near the side of our beloved and esteemed chairman, Judge JOHN KEE, when he passed away. Were it within our province and had we known—those of us present

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in the room as the judge walked into his office—that he was leaving the meeting for the last time, we would have called after him: “Not just now, Judge; not just now.”

Mr. Speaker, we have lost a friend, a counselor, a leader—a leader our Nation can ill afford to lose in these troubled times.

Our beloved chairman, Judge KEE—soft-spoken, humble, gentle, and kind—was a man of great heart and of sterling faith. He was of strong will in the defense of his country. His determination in matters of principle was immovable. Unselfishly devoted to his duties, he gave untiringly of his efforts.

Although short were the years of my acquaintance with Judge KEE, they have exerted a deep impression and left an indelible influence on me. I shall continue to look upon Judge KEE as my mentor.

To the family of Judge KEE, to his beloved wife, to his many, many friends, I wish to express my sincere sympathy. There is little that can further be said to ease their grief. His peaceful passing was in keeping with his peaceful life. Let us be consoled in the thought that the good Lord has chosen him to be numbered among His very own.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Lyle].

Mr. LYLE. Mr. Speaker, I am a part of all the people I have known and met. That part of Judge KEE I want most to retain is his utter inability to understand the meanness and littleness of so many people around him. He was completely incapable of understanding that mankind was not good and that his purpose was not to glorify God. If those who knew Judge KEE and respected him could but grasp that part of his great life, that is, his belief in the goodness of humanity, then they will have been immeasurably benefited.

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Mr. Speaker, in these terrible times perhaps it can be said that only the dead shall be happy, but certainly it may be said that if we are to solve and meet the problems that are ours we must do it out of the experience of the dead.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. Boggs].

Mr. BOGGS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I can only reiterate the beautiful tributes which have been paid to a great man. I believe that each Member of this body would wish for himself similar tributes when he, too, is called to final accounting.

As the giants among our midst depart, Mr. Speaker, I have felt that even in the sadness of it all, the shock of it all, it is one method of God revealing His mysterious ways, because as we sit here and contemplate the loss of a courageous, honorable, able, gentle soul we also recognize the frailty of human beings, and we turn to the eternal truths which must, after all, be the beacon light of all men.

Possibly the lesson in all of this is that if men in their mad rush for material gain, which is about to plunge the world into the worst type of blood letting and hatred, they would hesitate and turn to God more frequently and ask Him for guidance. Then, certainly, we would find the answer to the problems of this troubled world.

Judge KEE was a courageous man, a gentle man; he devoted his life to the noblest cause of all, the cause of understanding, the cause of peace. What a parliament could be convened in the heavens above as we contemplate the great men who have left our midst only in recent days—Senator Vandenberg in the other body and now JOHN KEE here. I am certain that this man, this courageous man who gave his life for the cause of peace, has found peace.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Holifield].

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Mr. HOLIFIELD. Mr. Speaker, when I came to serve in the House of Representatives in 1943 I became acquainted with Judge JOHN KEE, and over the succeeding years I was acquainted with him as I am with many Members of the House, not closely, but from day to day I would see him in the Chambers and speak to him and I was always impressed with his kindness and his courtesy and his Christ-like spirit. At the beginning of this year I was assigned to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in the few months that I have had the privilege of serving on this committee I really got to know JOHN KEE and to know the sterling qualities of his leadership, his wisdom, his consideration for the younger members on the committee, and his kindness at all times. It has been a great experience, one of the greatest experiences of my life, to know him. It has been a great experience for me to serve on this committee. I have been impressed with the earnestness of the members of the committee in the consideration of the tremendously important subjects with which we have to deal. I think a great deal of that earnestness and that courtesy between the members and that appreciation of the other member's viewpoint, although it may be different from your own, comes from the leadership which this committee has had under men like Dr. Eaton, of New Jersey, and JOHN KEE, of West Virginia. And I pay this tribute to Dr. Eaton and I pay this tribute to our late colleague, JOHN KEE, because I believe they are men of great similarity; they are men who are learned in the ways of godliness and who have contributed, in their span of service in this body, in great and inestimable ways by setting examples of patience and kindness and consideration and by always being objective and understanding of those who have different viewpoints. It has been a great privilege for me to know JOHN KEE better. I extend to his family and to his loved ones my deepest sympathy, and in my small way I want to say that in giving JOHN KEE to the Nation they have given a real statesman, a man whose examples we may all try to follow.

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Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Hampshire [Mr. MERROW].

Mr. MERROW. Mr. Speaker, only a few minutes ago I learned of the sudden and untimely passing of Judge JOHN KEE. This is a profound shock to all who knew and loved him. We have lost a kind, understanding, and helpful friend.

For several years it has been my privilege to serve on the House Foreign Affairs Committee under the able leadership of our late beloved chairman. Over these years I grew to know Judge KEE and became increasingly impressed with his fairness, his patience, and his understanding in the handling of the momentous issues which were before our committee. Under his chairmanship and leadership, measures of great importance not only to our own country but to the world were enacted into law. Chairman KEE was an untiring worker, a man of great courage, and a profound statesman.

I value his friendship greatly and I count it a privilege to have had the opportunity of knowing him and of working with him. During his many years of service in this House he established a distinguished and an enduring record. In his passing the Nation has sustained a tremendous loss.

I extend to his family and to his loved ones my heartfelt sympathy in these very difficult hours.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my colleague from West Virginia [Mr. Bailey].

Mr. BAILEY. Mr. Speaker, not only the people of his native State of West Virginia but the whole Nation will be shocked to learn of the sudden passing of our colleague and my very personal friend, JOHN KEE, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House.

This body and this country has lost a distinguished servant and a man of particular attainments in his chosen field—international relations.

In his more than 20 years of service in the Halls of Congress he has achieved an enviable record. Charged with the

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responsibility of implementing our foreign policies, he gave unstintingly of his time and his labors in behalf of our country and in his death he leaves a well-defined path of action that we, his colleagues, could well follow.

Congressman KEE was born at Glenville, Gilmer County, W. Va., in 1874, in the district I now have the honor to represent. He later moved to Bluefield, W. Va., where he established an outstanding record as a member of the bar. He served his State in its legislature, as a member of the senate, with distinction prior to his election to the Congress.

Congressman KEE was real and entirely void of sham. He was never touched by the pomp of power and never lured from the realities of human fellowship. He served his Nation, his State, and his district well. His service in the Congress is especially valuable in these days of conflicting emotions and difficult problems and in his going I have lost a personal friend and the Nation has lost a distinguished conscientious Member of Congress.

If he had any faults they have long since been washed away in the changing sands. I am sure his many virtues are already inscribed on tablets of gold.

I wish to express to his wife and children my profound sympathy in the loss of a devoted husband and father.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Chipperfield].

Mr. CHIPPERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, it was with the deepest grief and profound shock that I learned of the sudden death of my chairman, JOHN KEE, Representative of the Fifth West Virginia District. His passing is an irreparable loss to all who knew him.

As a Member of this body, he lived up to its highest and best traditions. In the performance of his duties he brought the mature wisdom of an understanding heart, a mind enriched with a knowledge of government and a full rounded experience in legislative procedure. He guarded zealously

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the integrity and prerogatives of the Congress and his committee.

During his tenure as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee I never saw him lose his head. He was always fair, loyal, wise, and helpful in all he said and did. It was indeed a great privilege to serve under him.

Although in ill health, he felt it was his duty to carry on his pressing work as chairman. He died in harness and gave his life for his country just as a soldier on the battlefield.

Judge, as he was affectionately known by his friends, was a great public servant, a true American, and a friend of all who knew him. He was quiet and unassuming in his manner but stood firm as a rock for the principles which he believed were for the betterment of our country.

I join with my colleagues in extending my sympathy to his family. We will miss his human qualities which endeared him to us all.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Rayburn], the Speaker of the House.

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of JOHN KEE this House has suffered a great loss. The country has given up a splendid servant who truly served his day and generation. His was a good and kindly soul, one of the finest and most patriotic men it has ever been my privilege to know. He was a statesman of the first order.

With his loved ones we shall miss him always. To his family goes my deepest sympathy.

Mr. RAMSAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members of the House may extend their remarks at this point in the Record, and may have five legislative days in which to extend their remarks on the life and services of the late JOHN KEE.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

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Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly shocked at the passing of the beloved chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee this morning. It has been my privilege and honor to have been a member of this great committee during my tenure of office in this great body.

Judge KEE was a good and kindly man who was never touched by the pomp of power. His gentle smile expressed the goodness and sincerity of his heart. I do not believe I have met or been associated with a man of finer character. Truly, he was one of God's noblemen, whose vision, integrity, and talents were worthy of any man.

In Judge KEE the Nation has lost a strong man and a devoted servant. All of us have lost a dear friend. A truly great man has passed to his reward. But in doing so he has left for us an inspiring example of unselfish public service worthy of our emulation, and the memory of a noble friendship.

Words at a time like this are hard to find and one gropes blindly; however, in closing, I wish to extend to his widow and family my deepest and sincerest sympathy.

May God be gracious to his family and to the people whom he served.

Mr. SABATH. Mr. Speaker, during my many years' service here, I have had the honor and pleasure of serving with approximately 3,400 Members, many of whom endeared themselves to me in many ways. I do not recall anybody, however, for whom I had a more genuine affection than I had for JOHN KEE.

With the passing of Mr. KEE this House has lost one of its most useful Members and the Nation one of its most distinguished citizens. A true, intelligent, patriotic friend of the commonalty has reached the journey's end freighted with the affection of an ever-expanding myriad of discriminating friends. Those of us who had served with him here for almost 20 years will unite in applauding the many generous

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tributes that we hear at this hour concerning his far-flung life, unsullied character, and transcendent public service.

After a good basic education, our friend was very successful in the practice of law, which led him quite naturally to 4 years in the senate of his State as a further preparation for the onerous and important duties of a member and chairman of the committee over which he presided with a singular degree of dignity, grace, and efficiency. As the problems of the world increased with the problems of the United States in relation to other countries, the importance of his committee and its burdens increased, many fold, as its chairman, Mr. KEE bore the greater part of the load. He did not shirk the responsibility of his exalted position, but shouldered it gladly, because he was a selfless man with an eye single to welfare of country. I cannot help but feel, Mr. Speaker, that his inordinate devotion to duty hastened his lamented end.

If our departed friend could have his way there would be no laudatory mention of him today in this Chamber, which his broad and penetrating experience graced, as I have said, for well nigh 20 years. He would say in his gentle fashion that his passing, after a legal and legislative career which won him the admiration, respect, and affection of countless numbers, was not of any special moment and required no comment. But we can take advantage of him now and say that which is in our hearts.

Although this honorable deceased had lived several years beyond the Psalmist's promise of three score and ten, yet, judging by his superior accomplishments and unusual activity up to a short while ago, we had reason to confidently expect him to remain with us much longer. His passing at this time is indeed a special loss, because, obviously, we do very much need the services of one equipped as he was by temperament and experience in the important field of international relations and diplomacy.

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Mr. KEE was my friend. I ever had a most wholesome respect for his human attributes. I shall very much miss him, as one of the great and lasting friendships of my life, while his impress will live in the legislation of the last 20 years, and his influence will go down the corridor of the years as an inspiration to those less gifted but who aspire to the Himalayan heights he attained. It will be a long time before we again have here a man so able and yet so unassuming and humane. If I may employ a figure, I would say of him: He was a lighthouse from which shone the beams that guided great fleets to safe harbor.

Let us not forget the loved and loving members of the family of this good man in their hour of greatest sorrow. May they derive much comfort from the priceless legacy that is theirs.

Verily, the life of JOHN KEE was one of true American manhood, worthy of emulation by all who love patriotism, righteousness, and truth.

May he rest in the peace he has so well earned.

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing my deep sympathy to the family of our departed colleague.

I was honored to serve as a junior member under his able leadership of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Since my election to this House, I have been continually impressed with his broad knowledge and deep understanding of the great issues of foreign policy which have confronted our country in recent years. To these issues he brought his talents to marshal the facts with logic and clarity and yet he always kept to the fore the human elements involved. He was not only a great lawyer, a renowned legislator, but a man guided by gentle kindness, guided by love and respect for his fellow human beings.

I know that he will be sadly missed by his many friends in his home State of West Virginia, and by his friends here in

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Washington, but, in addition, his experienced guidance and his qualities of leadership will be missed by his country which he served so well.

Mr. CHATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my sincere regret on the passing of our beloved chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Judge JOHN KEE. He was a fine gentleman, a fine American, and a fine friend. His loss will be felt throughout the world. A friend of democracy has passed on.

Mr. BURLESON. Mr. Speaker, it is a sad day, indeed, for everyone who knew Judge KEE. As evidenced by the expressions of Members of this House, he had a particular place in the affections of those with whom he had been associated. He generated a confidence felt by those who had any sort of contact with him by reason of his quiet assurances, his devotion to duty, and his devotion to the principles for which he stood.

This occasion should remind all of us of the beauty of life. I suppose it is only human nature that we seldom realize or can fully appreciate the goodness and purity of the lives of others until they are no longer with us. It is our nature also to withhold approbation from the living. It seems we never quite get around to it when the ears can hear and the hearts respond. It is not known to any of us whether Judge KEE can hear the words of appreciation and can know the heaviness of hearts caused by his passing, but the things of which we can be reminded at this time is to remember especially that we here in this Congress need the personal considerateness always exemplified by JOHN KEE, the appreciation of which but few probably expressed to him during his life. We should also be reminded of the certainty of death and that our stay here on this earth is by the sufferance of the Almighty God and that with life's privileges go responsibilities.

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The greatest thing we can do immediately is to extend the deepest sympathy to the family of Judge KEE and to remember them through the days of their deep sorrow, asking that the three of his closest beloved ones receive condolence from Him, a source greater than any mortal can possibly provide.

Mr. KEOGH. Mr. Speaker, every Member of this House has lost a genuine friend in the passing of West Virginia's distinguished son, JOHN KEE. If ever a Member had a sincere and continuing interest in the individual viewpoints and problems of his colleagues, it was this sterling Christian gentleman.

Even as did his predecessor, the late beloved Sol Bloom, of New York, Judge KEE died on active duty in the service of the Nation. It has been truly said that this was as our good friend would have had it. He was an accomplished poet and his poetry revealed his solid faith. We, who were privileged to serve with him and to take strength from his splendid example, knew that he was not unready when the summons came and his spirit was released. If there were even a tinge of regret at departing, we know JOHN KEE harbored it only because he felt there was so much more he should do for his Nation, and for the family to which he was so touchingly devoted.

Here was a man of integrity and sense of responsibility—a public servant without peer. Our friend had true humility. He had no sense of self-importance, although it was his task to preside over the great Committee on Foreign Affairs during a time of many trials. He regarded himself only as a servant of his Nation, his State, and the Fifth Congressional District of West Virginia.

JOHN KEE was gentle. He was understanding. He was deferential. He was compassionate. His uncommon attribute, however, was that he could combine his Christian forbearance with an unassailable courage. He was a man of great legal scholarship and one who held a mastery of philo-

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sophic reasoning. When the processes of his methodical judgment led him to what he determined to be the right, no special pleading, no political consideration, could deflect him. Yet he sought out every viewpoint and the thinking behind each one, for he strove for the well-informed decision.

JOHN KEE will be missed as few who have been taken from this House have been missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Mrs. Kee and her daughter and son, with the hope that the blow may be softened a little by the realization that a humble, God-fearing man has been called to his undoubted reward.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I join with the membership of this House today in paying tribute to a fine statesman, Hon. JOHN KEE, whose death comes as a great shock to all of us. I know of his outstanding qualities and abilities and of the great contributions he has made with respect to foreign policy legislation during these critical times.

As chairman of the important House Committee on Foreign Affairs he well served his country and people. Only an hour ago he was valiantly performing his duties at a meeting of his great committee. His health had not been good for quite some time and undoubtedly the strain of his heavy responsibilities precipitated his death.

His life, his fine personality and character were, indeed, an inspiration to his colleagues in the House. I wish to express my deep regret at the loss of this great and distinguished American and to his family I give my sincere sympathy in their sad hour of bereavement.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to attend the funeral Mr. Eaton, Mr. Richards, Mrs. Bolton, Mr. Chipperfield, Mr. Vorys, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Hedrick, Mr. Morgan,

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Mr. Battle, Mr. Ramsay, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Burnside, Mr. Chatham, and Mr. Staggers.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 29 minutes p. m.) under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 9, 1951, at 11 o'clock a. m.

WEDNESDAY, May 9, 1951.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Carrell, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 139):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JOHN KEE, late a Representative from the State of West Virginia.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now take a recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

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TUESDAY, May 8, 1951.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Snader, its assistant reading clerk, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. JOHN KEE, late a Representative from the State of West Virginia, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution coming over from the House of Representatives, which the clerk will read.

The resolution (H. Res. 223) was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. JOHN KEE, a Representative from the State of West Virginia.

Resolved, That a committee of 15 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provision of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. KILGORE. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 139) was read, and considered by unanimous consent, as follows:

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Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JOHN KEE, late a Representative from the State of West Virginia.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. KILGORE. Mr. President, I have known JOHN KEE since 1915. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1930, and served continuously therein since that time. His service on the Foreign Affairs Committee, of which he was chairman at the time of his death, was also practically continuous.

JOHN KEE was a very fine American, whom I was proud to know. Association with him was an uplifting factor at all times in the consideration of governmental affairs. His death is a definite loss to the State of West Virginia, and as well, Mr. President, to the United States. Although for the past 10 years JOHN KEE suffered a serious physical handicap, yet he worked assiduously to perform faithfully his duties, up to the time he died. Such men as he are especially needed in the presence of such perilous conditions as those which now exist throughout the world. I mourn his loss and extend my sympathy to his family.

Mr. BENTON. Mr. President, I associate myself with the remarks of the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. Kilgore]. I worked very closely with Judge KEE during my days in the State Department. His loss will be particularly mourned by the Foreign Service of the United States, in which he was deeply interested, and to which he had devoted his best efforts, in connection with the passage of the Foreign Service Act of 1946. I associate myself in the sorrow and regret expressed by the Senator from West Virginia.

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Mr. McFARLAND. Mr. President, I wish to associate myself with the remarks which have been made by my colleagues with respect to the death of Representative KEE. Certainly his passing is a great loss to his State and to the Nation.

Mr. CONNALLY. Mr. President, Judge KEE was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives. As chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, I was associated with him on many occasions. He was a man of high character, splendid attainments, and charming personality. I deeply grieve his passing. His State and the Nation have suffered a distinct loss in his death. I pay my respects to him, and lay upon his tomb the flowers of remembrance and regret.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution submitted by the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. KILGORE].

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the second resolving clause, the Chair appoints the two Senators from West Virginia [Mr. Kilgore and Mr. Neely] as members of the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the late Representative.

Mr. KILGORE. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late distinguished Representative from West Virginia, JOHN KEE, I move that the Senate now stand in recess until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 5 o'clock and 2 minutes p. m.) the Senate took a recess until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 9, 1951, at 12 o'clock meridian.





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